History of GCSA OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

1932 known as the Northern California Greenkeepers' Association
Presidents report. The year 1932 is now passed into history. It was a year which
the greenkeepers will remember as the time when all turf ailments were stacked
against him. We had a week of record low temperature which gave most of us another
experience in caring for greens. As an Association it should give us great courage
and a measure of satisfaction to know that we are gaining in numbers and justice.
After having been organized only nine months, and this is but right so for our aim
is not only to better conditions for ourselves but for every individual that plays
golf in this section.

The past nine months we have had some very interesting meetings and some good talks
on fertilizers upkeep etc. The start we have made in this direction proves that
it is practical to arrange a series of lectures on any subject that pertains to our
line of work.

I would like to call the attention of every greenkeeper in our organization that the
time of one day a month would be well spent in attending these meetings. We must
never let up in our efforts to make our gatherings worth while so that on leaving we
may have attained some knowledge of greenkeeping that we did not have before.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to Mr. Bishop, Mr. Graves and Chas Berg for
the efforts they made demonstrating their pieces of equipment. I would like to
see one meeting day set apart for such demonstrations and invite the heads of the
various clubs to be our guests on that day. It would bring to their attention the
real value of this organization. Greenkeeping today is something more than pushing
a hand mower.

Mother nature is continually working not for the greenkeeper but against him. Here
in California she is at it the year round. Bring on her vast array of pests, such
as wire worms, cut worms, ants, grubs, red mildew, sorrell, etc. Every one of these
could ruin a fine piece of turf in short order if not controlled. And we must
know how to do the right thing at the right time. I mention these things to
emphasize the fact that delay is dangerous in treating any of the above pests.
It is up to the man on the job to act and act quick.

In closing it is a pleasure to mention the fine fellowship that prevails throughout
the organization and I cannot overlook the excellent work done by our secretary
Sam Smith.

Wishing you all a very prosperous New Year. Will Rogers, President

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